



February 2011

**The Rotary Club of Pretoria East**  
Founded 28 March 1961

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**



## President Cheryl's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Welcome back to regular Club meetings and I hope you have had the chance to renew and recharge your batteries during the Festive Season – you sure are going to need it!

What an amazing end to the first half of the Rotary year and I know you will agree that our end of year function was an enormous success. Thank you to Marius for the evening and the atmosphere of fun he created. We also welcomed Candy Godrich into our Pretoria East family and look forward to sharing many happy and productive years of service with her.



We have achieved great success with our fundraising efforts in the last 2 months. The Christmas Lights have netted a tidy profit and the Morning Tea was a big success. We now have an additional R50 000.00 in our coffers for our projects. Thank-you to all who sold lights and hosted tables, without you this would not have been possible. It again demonstrates to me that collectively we are able to achieve so much more than individually. However, there is still a large amount of work left. Navi Redd arrangements are moving along well and the Golf Day, Fun Run and Music Evenings are under control. We also need to commence marketing and sales of Christmas Lights now in order to increase the number of sold lights.

On the project front we are also moving along at a steady pace. SOUNDS Literacy project is looking forward to commencing this month, Winterveldt will soon commence some building work and additional wheelchairs have been received and delivered to needy recipients. We are looking out for a quality and reasonable supplier of blankets and jerseys. We need to start now in order to have the items available for distribution by the time old man Winter's icy fingers touch the vulnerable and needy.

Despite our efforts to have articles of our party for children afflicted by cancer and our other activities appear in the local media, we have not succeeded. I know bad news sells better than good news, but a lot of work by PR has gone into trying to get our activities into the local media. And still it does not happen. So, I request that we all put on our thinking caps and try to come up with new initiatives to get the work we do publicized. The more people who know about the magic of Rotary the better. It will also lead to an opportunity to increase our membership.

At the last business meeting of 2010 we discussed and voted on the changing of our Club banner. Due to the emotiveness of the issue it was decided that at our Club Assembly we would have an open discussion about "Language, Culture and Rotary". I appreciate all the contributions made by each Rotarian and new insights offered. I think that this objective and unemotional discussion was most beneficial to all of us. One matter that stood out for me is that change is inevitable and how we manage change as individuals and Rotarians is very important as we each react differently to the perceived threat that change brings. However, what is also clear is that progress cannot be avoided. If you do not ride the crest of the wave of change you will drown beneath it. So my call to all Club members is that we ride the wave of change and the renewal it brings to the benefit of our Club and community and to better Build Communities and Bridge Continents.

As always,  
Rotary Regards

*President Cheryl*



## ANN PRESIDENT EDIE'S REPORT

We are already well into the new year. I hope all of you had a well-deserved break, a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic end to 2010.

The Anns Christmas lunch at *Niche* was well attended. Thank you to all the Anns for catering so generously. In spite of the sweltering heat, we had an enjoyable afternoon.

Our first Anns meeting was held on Monday 17 January at 24 Victor Street. Thank you to all the Anns who attended and a special thank you to all of you who provided delicious food and wine. You are all wonderful cooks!

We decided not to have a formal Valentine's Dinner, like we had last year. Robin and I however invite all Rotarians to a bring and share supper on Saturday 12 February at our home. I will contact those who wish to visit closer to the time.

As a fundraiser we will have a 'Christmas in Winter', most probably on the 28<sup>th</sup> May.

A big thank you to Susan for hosting a table at the ladies' tea on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Thank you to all the Anns who supported Susan and Cheryl. Unfortunately I could not attend, but I believe it was a very successful morning.

We continue to support Peas in the Pod, Abba House and the Susan Strydom Old Age Home. We will also make some comfort bags again for WAR (Women against Rape).

I would like to encourage all Anns to help promote the Navi Redd concert in March. Last year's performance was very good and this year will be even better! Do invite family, friends and neighbours. Ticket are available at Computicket or from Jenny Els.

I look forward to the rest of the Rotary Year. Let's try to do our best and contribute where we can, with as much enthusiasm as we can muster.



## YEAR END FUNCTION - 6 DECEMBER 2010

The Year End function, held at Union Caterers on the 6th December 2010, was a resounding success. There was an excellent turnout and Club members entered into the spirit of the evening by dressing up as film characters. We had "Men in Black", "Laura Croft", a "Hells Angel", a couple of Zoro's with one astounding "Elena" portrayed by Connie. There was an Elvis, whose costume was so tight that he squeaked. The star of the show was Pres Cheryl who swanned in as Cruella de Vil. Her elaborate costume won first prize.



Congratulations Cheryl.

Marius van Rooyen once again very ably organised the entertainment and there was a healthy bout of competition in response to the movie quiz and events of the past number of years. It was noted that that younger Anns and Rotarian were the quickest off the mark, making their voices heard above the cacophony of noise as everyone yelled out answers! There was a point in the proceedings when I wondered at the collective age of members as everyone



enthusiastically entered into the spirit of the evening.

Our thanks go to all our members who so sportingly got dressed up for the event; to Marius for the excellent entertainment; to Union Caterers for the lovely meal and to all those who so kindly and generously donated prizes. Our combined efforts made it a fun evening for all.



Reported by Rtn. Margaret Watkins  
with layout by Rtn. Jenny Els.

**SUMMER FUN MORNING TEA WITH CATHY SPECIFIC**

President Cheryl, assisted by PP Karin Marais, organised a **Ladies Summer Fun Morning Tea** with Cathy Specific at the Protea Aftree-Oord in The Willows on Saturday, 22 January, in support of Polio Plus and Foundation. About 130 ladies attended the event together with a few very brave gentlemen. Each themed table was decorated by a hostess and we had entries from a number of other Clubs as well. The Anns were present, together with members of the Hatfield, Sunrise, Centurion and Aurora Clubs. Not to be left out, the gentlemen and friends of Pretoria East Club formed their own contingent and had the brightest, most flowery and vivacious table, otherwise known as the "Eish" group.

Entertainment was provided by Pres. Cheryl's brother, Brendan van Rhyn, as his stage persona Cathy Specific. Brendan generously donated his time to Rotary Pretoria East, and our heartfelt thanks go to him for his kindness to us. The fact that he obviously adores his sister probably had a lot to do with his generosity. "Cathy" kept the audience fully entertained for over two hours with off-the-cuff jokes, really good songs (Brendan has an amazing voice!) and lots of fun. None of us will forget the "1st Class bend" and will be watching out for it on flights in the future!

Grant Adam and his Blooms won the prize for the **Most Subtle Table**, Judy Warren for the **Most Original** and the Centurion Club together with Albie Mulder won the **Best Over All** prize for their *Life is a Beach* table.

The **Grand Prize** of an overnight stay with dinner, breakfast and a R200.00 gaming voucher at Carnival City was donated by Ernie Sterne. Thank you Ernie for your continued support and generosity towards our many fund-raising events.

Our congratulations go to Pres Cheryl and PP Karen for a well-organised event. The morning raised R13 020.00 for Polio Plus and Foundation.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDRENS' ONCOLOGY WARD**



On Saturday, 27 November 2010, PDG Eben and Rtn Albie arranged a Christmas Party for the children in the Oncology Ward at Steve Biko Hospital. Various members donated snacks, sweets and juice for the children, but the main contributors were Pres Cheryl and Rtn Albie.

Entertainment, sponsored by Rtn Grant Adam, was provided by Gert Vorster with his "Small 5", a collection of small exotic animals, including a Japanese Gerbil, a llama and a Shetland pony. The most dangerous animal in all the world was passed around in a small tin box and the children were encouraged to peek inside, where they found themselves looking into a mirror. They were told that the human animal is the only one to shoot, kill and destroy the bounty that nature has given us.

After the talk, the children were taken on pony rides.

Some children were less thrilled with the experience than others!

Our thanks go to PDG Eben for making the arrangements and to all those who sponsored the event. Thank you too to all the helpers who assisted at this worthwhile outing. The children loved every minute and thoroughly enjoyed the treats.

**Reported by Rtn M Watkins**



**Wheelchairs** Behind the scenes Pretoria East is quietly assisting people who are badly in need of wheelchairs.

The club is in the fortunate position of being able to get a few chairs through Rotary International and the BritsHartbeesport Rotary Club, at a nominal cost.



The stories behind the requests for this much appreciated service while sad, bring to life how Rotary can make a difference..

Mr Roux for example as can be seen from the cutting from the newspaper below, has the distinction of being possibly one of the longest surviving twins in South Africa.

The lady on the left is Tannie Louise from the AGS Hatfield Church. Her wheelchair was old and dilapidated and could no longer fold up, so she was house bound and could not get to work. She and her husband are both in wheelchairs and did not have the means to purchase new chairs. Her husband was



given a chair by a church member as his was in a worse state than hers and they approached Rotary Pretoria East for one for Tannie Louise.



We welcomed Candace Godrich to the club on 13 December 2010. It is so good to see young members joining the ranks, Candy comes from a Rotary background, her father Tony is a member of Pretoria Sunrise and has been a Rotarian for more than 20 years. Pretoria East is pleased she chose us. Candy's sponsor was PP Carl Bernardi.

**Bookings 083915 8000**  

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[www.naviredd.co.za](http://www.naviredd.co.za)

**Date:**  
 Friday 4 March 2011

**Time:**  
 20H00 - gates open at 18H30

**Where:**  
 Union Caterers (Utopia Place)  
 Cnr Lynwood Road & Cura Avenue  
 Willow Glen

**Tickets:**  
 R110,00 per person

No reserved seating  
 Bookings at Computicket




**NAVIREDD**  
 Fund raiser in aid of Rotary Pretoria East's Projects

**Rotary Club of Pretoria East** 

You are invited to our  
**ANNUAL GOLF DAY**  
 Zwartkop Country Club  
**7 MARCH 2011** [www.rotarypretoriaeast.org.za](http://www.rotarypretoriaeast.org.za)

Sponsored by **ALLEN JOSS AUTO**  
  
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**ENTRY OF A FOUR-BALL**  
 You may enter a team of 4 players at R2500-00 per team. This includes all green fees, golf carts, halfway snack, dinner and prize giving.

**SPONSORSHIP OF HOLES**  
 You may sponsor any hole of your choice. Holes available are as follows:

Watering Holes: R2000-00 each plus refreshments  
 Other holes: R1000-00 each - except 9th and 18th

**DONATION OF PRIZES** (anything welcome)

**PRIZE FOR LONGEST DRIVE:**  
 Nearest to the Pin - All 4 Holes  
 Numerous other worthwhile prizes

**PLEASE CONTACT:**  
 Allan Joss on  
 082 956 5824 or  
 visit the above website for the entry form and more information on the Golf Day and the good work done by the club.



Rotary Pretoria East's objective is to raise funds for a very worthy project. The funds are needed are for the annual trip for disabled children from Meerhof School to the Kruger National Park. This project has been in existence for 46 years and is something the club is very proud of.

## SCRABBLE DAY, 15 JANUARY 2010

The Pretoria East Rotary Club has not held a Scrabble Day since January 2009, as the Scrabble Association of South Africa (SANSPA) decided that all competition profits had to go to them for the furthering of Scrabble in schools. It was therefore not profitable for the Rotary Club to organize a Scrabble day.



In December 2010 Rtn Anastasia received the Scrabble calendar for 2011 and found that the Pretoria East Rotary Club was to host a Scrabble day in January 2011.

After garnering support from Club members, Anastasia received an amazing response in the form of prizes and eats. A big Thank You to Nic and Cheryl Jute for providing the venue.

Due to the short notice we received of the event, we were only able to get 13 players before the holidays, but by the 15<sup>th</sup> January we had 24 players. However, this was not achieved without a certain amount of stress!

A great day was enjoyed by all. The participants were in awe of the venue and catering.

An entrance fee of R110 was asked from each player, from which pizza was purchased for lunch (thanks to PP Ivan for picking up and delivering the pizza). We also incurred some minor expenses with photocopying score sheets etc. R10 had to be paid to SANSPA for every player, with a total of R240 being handed over to them.

At the end of the day the Pretoria East Rotary Club made a profit of R2160 which will go towards Foundation.

Thank you to all who contributed towards making this day a success.

Reported by Anastasia Demertzis

## Our Very Own Frog Whisperer



It was a hot summer's night, the croaking of the frogs outside was deafening and was threatening to disrupt the Rotary meeting!

What could be done?

It was not an Elephant or a Horse Whisperer that was needed!

But then Frog Whisper Johan Schneider and the Wooden Spoon came to the rescue and the meeting could continue!

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH





## Speakers Programme

arranged by PDG Eben Brümmer

### FEBRUARY 2011

- 7<sup>th</sup> **The Republic of Cuba**  
We hear more about this interesting country  
**Speaker: H.E. Angel Villa** – Ambassador: Republic of Cuba
- 14<sup>th</sup> **The W.H.O. in Partnership with Rotary to Eradicate Polio**  
With their support and leadership Polio is on the verge of eradication  
World-wide  
**Speaker: Dr Stella Anyangwe** – Country Representative, World Health Organisation
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Business Meeting**
- 28<sup>th</sup> **The State of Qatar**  
The country where the World Cup will be held in 2022  
**Speaker: H.E. Bashir Al-Shirwa** – Ambassador: State of Qatar

### MARCH 2011

- 7<sup>th</sup> **Promoting School Literacy**  
HOW the Australian High Commission is involved in school literacy  
**SPEAKER: Mr William Blomfield** – Direct Aid Programme: Australian High Commission
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Complex Language Encounters**  
A part of U.P.'s Humanities Education  
**Speaker: Mr Dr. Rinelle Evans** – Senior Lecturer: Humanities Education, University of Pretoria
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Public Holiday**
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Business Meeting**



Rtn Brian Cross showing his happiness at having been a Rotarian for many years, being congratulated by President Cheryl.

## The Club Diary

- 12 February Valentine Fellowship at Robin & Edie's  
*A Bring and Share Meal*
- 23 February 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary
- 04 March Navi Redd
- 07 March Meerhof Golf Day
- 26 March 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Rotary Club of Pretoria East
- 09 & 16 April Music Evenings
- 07 May Progressive Dinner
- 28 May (to be confirmed) Christmas in Winter—Anns Fundraiser
- 04 June Fun Run
- 18 June Casino Evening
- 09—11 June District Conference in Gaborone
- 27 June Induction Dinner

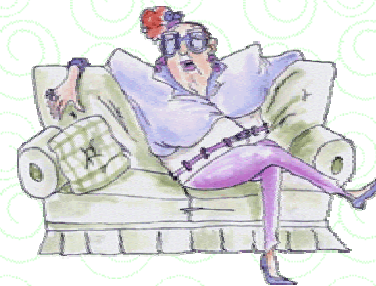


### CLOTHING DONATIONS

I just had a call from a charity asking me to donate some clothing to the starving people throughout the world.....

I told them to get lost.....!

Anybody who fits into my clothes isn't starving!



## The Back Page



**This year we will experience 4 unusual dates:**

**1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11.**



**Now go figure this out: Take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it will equal 111!**

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